

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MIL, PE  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON REGIONAL ARMS PURCHASES

REF: LIMA 0048

1. DURING PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' OUTSPOKEN PRESS  
CONFERENCE DEC 30 (REFTEL, HE WAS ASKED ABOUT ARMS  
ACQUISITIONS, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MILITARY  
AIRCRAFT, BY PERU'S NEIGHBORS (UNIDENTIFIED). PRESIDENT  
RESPONDED THAT ANY COUNTRY, INCLUDING PERU, HAS THE RIGHT TO  
ACQUIRE WEAPONS IT BELIEVES IT NEEDS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY.  
HE THEN ASSERTED THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT ARMS ACQUISITIONS BUT  
OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NATIONS. HE CONCLUDED BY REITERATING  
GOP'S PACIFIC POLICY; "WE DO NOT WISH TO CONQUER EVEN ONE  
CENTIMETER OF ANY COUNTRY."

2. COMMENT: OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO ECUADOREAN PURCHASE OF F-1'S  
AND CHILE'S ALLEGED PURCHASE OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, ETC., DREW  
A LOW KEY AND CONCILIATORY RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT.  
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BUT PRIVATELY THE GOP WILL CONTINUE TO FIND SUCH ACQUISITIONS  
USEFUL POINTS OF REFERENCE IN DEFENDING PERU'S OWN  
BUILDUP.  
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